

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants now submit this preliminary amendment for the purpose of presenting claims 42-74 similar to claim 30 subject to a restriction requirement in parent application, USSN 09/671,304 (the '304 application) filed September 28, 2000. Original claims 1-41 are cancelled. The '304 application claimed the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/156,452, filed September 28, 1999, the title being, "Method of Indexed Storage and Retrieval of Multidimensional Information." As a result of the restriction requirement, Applicants have amended the title to conform with the restricted set of claims to "A Parallel Data Processing Architecture." If the Examiner wishes to propose a different title, the Examiner is invited to suggest such title.

Applicants now present new claims 42-74 directed at a parallel data processing architecture and suggest the Examiner direct attention to the following support in the specification as originally filed: page 5 for an overview of the general concepts; pages 47-50 and Figure 28 for a more detailed description and the rest of the specification and claims provide descriptions of its applications in a large distributed data record environment. No new matter has been added.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3119. Applicants look forward to prompt examination on the merits.

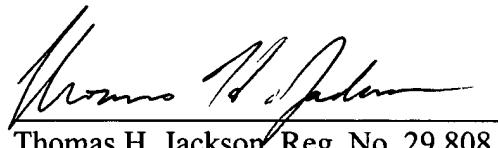
Should the Commissioner find that a fee is due for this preliminary amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee, except the issue fee, to Deposit Account 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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